CIF Master Index — April 2026

Convergent Inference Framework Ecosystem
Version 3.9
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What Is CIF?

The Convergent Inference Framework (CIF) is a meta-analytical protocol designed to govern how claims are evaluated under conditions of evidentiary uncertainty. It does not determine truth. It governs the evaluation of claims under uncertainty.

CIF was developed through live deployment on genealogical, forensic, and investigative cases across multiple AI engines including DeepSeek, Copilot, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, ChatGPT, and Grok. Its architecture reflects observed failure modes in AI-generated analytical outputs: confidence inflation, narrative capture, suppression of counter-narratives, and false convergence from derivative sources.

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Document Map

Document 1: CIF v3.9 Core Framework
Version: 3.9
Description: Nine phases (0a-0b through VIII), AEP, governing constraints

Document 2: Genealogy Module v1.2
Version: 1.2
Description: Domain module for genealogical research — five mandatory hypothesis categories, SLV guidance, Rule 6

Document 3: Historical Research Module v1.2
Version: 1.2
Description: Domain module for historical and forensic research — counter-narrative obligation, SLV guidance, module gates

Document 4: MAIA v2.2 Protocol
Version: 2.2
Description: Post-run integrity audit — dual-mode (Flag and Pause / Flag and Auto-Correct), six audit phases

Document 5: Lashley Case Paper (Standalone)
Version: 1.2
Description: Independent genealogical publication — Norse-Gael origin of Lashley patriline

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Reading Order for New Readers

First, read this Master Index.

Second, read CIF v3.9 Core Framework as a reference.

Third, read the domain module relevant to your field (Genealogy or Historical Research).

Fourth, read the Lashley Case Paper as a deployment example.

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Reading Order for Practitioners

First, read CIF v3.9 Core Framework in full.

Second, read MAIA v2.2 Protocol.

Third, read the relevant domain module.

Fourth, read the Lashley Case Paper as a deployment example.

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Version Relationships

Framework Version: CIF v3.9
MAIA Version: MAIA v2.2
Genealogy Module: v1.2
Historical Research Module: v1.2

Note: CIF v3.9 introduced the Autonomous Execution Protocol (AEP) and dual-mode MAIA audit. Earlier versions (v3.8 and below) are superseded but preserved in the Archive for provenance.

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Key Definitions

CIF: Convergent Inference Framework — meta-analytical protocol

MAIA: Meta-Analysis Integrity Audit — post-run audit layer

AEP: Autonomous Execution Protocol — self-sequencing operational mode

IOS: Investigative Orientation Statement — non-tiered directional reading

SI: Structural Indeterminacy — mandatory hypothesis when evidence is insufficient

SLV: Source Lineage Verification — tracing items to earliest known source

SD Trigger: Structural Density Feedback Trigger — two or more failures suspends conclusion

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